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Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) Plan Memo

Topic: **HELP Plan Network Adequacy Requirements**

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DPHHS and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have entered an agreement that allows Montana to serve a portion of the Medicaid Expansion population through a Third Party Administrator (TPA), Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT). As part of this agreement, DPHHS must ensure BCBSMT has an adequate number of providers in the BCBSMT network to serve the Montana HELP Plan population. BCBSMT must meet the following network adequacy requirements:

- No less than 90% of hospitals in the state;
- No less than 80% of the non-hospital licensed health care providers;
- No less than 80% of the OB/GYNs serving the Non-TPA-Medicaid; and
- No less than 80% of the behavioral health providers serving the Non-TPA-Medicaid-FPS-Enrollees.

If you have questions regarding HELP Plan Network Adequacy please contact Renae Huffman, HELP Program Officer, at 406-444-1355.